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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1917.

**A LINE O' CHEER
EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.**
By John Kendrick Bangs.

MY AGE...
Not by their number do I count my years,
But by the joys that they have given me,
The things that brought me laughter out of tears,
And lifted me from grief to ecstasy.

And that is why people ask my age
I answer them with spirits running o'er,
"To be exact I cannot quite engage,
But I should say about a million score."

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On the level now, how many of you every hour of Yaphank before last week?

The fool who discovers his identity first is a pretty close relation to the wise man.

According to a number of newspapers, Kerenky must have the proverbial nine lives of a cat.

Although Gen. Korniloff lost his head several days ago, the people in Russia are still clamoring for it.

Navy Yard men are to get a ten per cent raise. Just another bit of prosperity added to Washington's flowing cup.

Out in Kansas an aviator collided with a cow. Probably the same cow is still at its old tricks of jumping over the moon.

Those boys of ours in France who never studied French have a decided advantage over those who learned it from school books. They have nothing to unlearn.

Wonder if the police will censor the film of "Damaged Goods" today, as they did when it was offered in this city as a regular attraction?

Perhaps the Kaiser's anxiety to capture Petrograd is caused by the fact that he thinks that Christmas dinner which he ordered two years ago is still waiting.

There has been a growing belief in recent years that Seventh street has been going back. A glimpse of the building operations in this street, however, shows conclusively that the street is going ahead.

THE PATRIOT'S PRAYER.
May we remember that for three long years
We have watched the flow of blood and tears,
Let us give thanks, if now our aid may save
The world from serfdom—if we free the slave
And be true in every word and deed
To those high aims our proud traditions breed.
Our youth and strength go forth with eyes alight
God bless them in the service of the right!
But, spite of rolling drums and trumpet's blare,
May they remember—we but do our share.

May they remember that we hold no palm
For guarding safe a threatened world from harm.
We have been slow to succor the oppressed;
Let us be honest—surely that is best!
If we give generously at the last,
Let us think, not too proudly, of the past.
This, our beloved country, has been spared,
Now there is royal welcome for us there—
Yet
May we remember—we but pay our debt.

May we remember! Then no vulgar boast
Will mar the giving of our uttermost.
Pride in our cause, our country—
Pride in its manhood, girded for the fight;
Pride in the dauntless spirit that will win
But may there be no arrogance therein;
Give us not only bravery but sense;
Make us too great for trivial insolence.
Others have earned their spurs for brave deeds done—
May we remember, ours are yet un-won.

BEATRICE BARRY.

"SPURLOS VERSENKT."
"Sink the ship and down the crew!
Wreck the crowded lifeboats, too!"
Thus your Kaiser orders you.
We have used a base deceit;
And the crime must be complete.
Lest they should detect the cheat,
Leave no tongue to tell the tale!
Child may plead, and woman wail,
Death for you, if you should quail.
Massacre and drown the whole!
Let the seas above them boil!
Drive God's mercy from your soul!
A ribbon for your buttonhole,
And hell forever be your dole.

—Bertrand Shadwell.

The Italian Success.
With the success at Monte San Gabriele, the Italian offensive becomes the most promising stroke against the central powers since the opening of the battle of the Somme. Cadorna has not only staying power, but the steady pressure which enables him to follow up isolated successes and so consolidate them. There is real power in the present Italian thrust. That much seems to be certain.

The Italians now proclaim the necessity of aid from America and Britain if they are to continue their offensive after midwinter. They frankly say their stock of supplies and ammunition is not all that it should be, and think they have been neglected by the allied powers. They are confident that they will be able to conquer Austria-Hungary if given the proper kind of support. They assert that their man power is sufficient to accomplish such a sweeping victory, that their only difficulty is supplies. They exhibit some impatience because the United States has not declared war on Austria.

The vast majority of the officials in Washington believe that our present relations with Austria should not cut the slightest figure in the measure of the aid we furnish Italy. It would be amateurish to refuse Italy support because we are not at war with her enemy, which is nothing more or less, under present conditions, than a mere Prussian province. It would be silly to overlook the smallest opportunity of reducing the central empires, no matter what diplomatic objections might be made. The truth is that, in the strict sense of the word, we are as much at war with Austria as with Germany; it is impossible to separate the two even in a diplomatic sense. Italy refused to declare war on Germany and found that she was facing German soldiers in the Julian Alps, and that a German commander had been sent to conduct the campaign against her. That was sufficient to bring her to her senses. It may be that in the sector occupied by American forces on the French front we will find Austrian regiments. That will also reveal the shallowness of omitting any formal declaration of war against Austria for many more weeks.

The truth is that Italy seems to be able to make good her promise; she seems to hold the key to the present situation. In a few more weeks she will be at Laibach, where the mountains end; then all Austria-Hungary opens before her. An advance on Vienna is a possibility. The fall of Trieste in the winter seems almost certain. The Balkan plateau is now almost entirely in Italian hands; and if such a conquest is possible, nothing is impossible for Italian arms.

The United States should turn its attention for a brief while to the Italian front. It will find there an antidote for the pessimism induced by the Russian tragedy.

A Woman Football Coach.
A number of candidates reported to Capt. Mike Ready at Business High today for the first practice of the football team. Many of last year's men turned out, among them being Towbes, King, Richter, Keren, Harrell and Schafer. Quite a few new candidates turned out also and Business promises to have a good team.

The men were introduced to their new athletic adviser, Miss Iker, who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy made by the loss of Dr. Paul A. White, who was coach last year.

The foregoing was sent into The Washington Herald yesterday by the captain of the Business football team.

There can be no disputing the priority of Washington's claim to unique war service of women. Even in the battle-harassed regions of Europe no one has been so radical as to suggest a woman football coach.

We will watch eagerly the work of Miss Iker in her new position and it is possible that we will be agreeably surprised but at present it is rather hard to picture a woman demonstrating to husky football players the proper manner of making a flying tackle or of breaking up interference.

The Socialism of the Future.
Most Americans have not yet awakened to the fact that Socialism is going to be a real world issue after the war. They persist in thinking of their politics, international and otherwise, in terms of 1914, and the years previous thereto. They are quite beside the mark in doing so. The "old days" are not coming back. The exact nature of changes in world organization no man is wise enough to know; but the old conventions and idioms of politics—not alone world politics, but domestic politics—are gone forever.

It is not alone in Russia that Socialism is bound to have the upper hand, for the success of Kerenky means nothing less than that. It is quite possible that in Germany, the last stronghold of autocracy, the revolution certain to come, may bring the Socialists to the seat of power. Such a violent swing of the pendulum may be looked for. Of course, in neither of these countries can Socialism in the sense of communism, or of even distribution of property, be dreamed of; but Socialism in the sense of anti-capitalism, of the abolition of the major abuses of the property system, seems to be certain in at least one of these nations.

The English-speaking world, which now boasts of itself as the center of democratic civilization, is dominated by an inherent conservatism, which may easily hold Socialism at arm's length long after it is securely ensconced in Germany and Russia. Who knows? A generation hence we may be looking to Germany for progressive government, instead of trying to give it to her. A revolution naturally tends to violent extremes. In a nation as happy, contented, and prosperous

Too Many Stores, Says Armour,
Causes High Price of Meat

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"Meat price increases are not due to big profits, so far as the meat purveyors are concerned. . . . It is actually a fact that the fresh meat from the steer, or hog, or sheep, is sold by the packer to the retailer at a figure which often fails to pay for the raw product—that is, the animal on the hoof. The profits which enable the packer to handle meat at less than cost are due to the utilization of those portions of the animals which, until recent years, were wasted or destroyed."

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